1. A method for storing data and checking the validity of stored data when such stored data is read, comprising:

transmitting the data from a source thereof for storage in a first storage device and transmitting a CRC associated with such data for storage in a second, different storage device;

retrieving the data stored in the first storage device;

determining a CRC associated with the retrieved data; and

comparing the determined CRC with the CRC stored in the second storage device.

2. The method recited in claim 2 wherein the first storage device is a disk drive.

3. A method for storing data on a disk drive and checking the validity of data read from such disk drive, comprising:

transmitting the data from a source thereof for storage in the disk drive and transmitting a CRC associated with such data for storage in a different disk drive;

retrieving the data stored on the disk drive;

determining a CRC associated with the retrieved data; and

comparing the determined CRC with the CRC stored in the second disk drive.

4. The method recited in claim 3 wherein the second disk drive is a parity disk drive.

5. A method for storing data on a disk drive and checking the validity of data read from such disk drive, comprising:

transmitting the data from a source thereof for storage in the disk drive through a first transmission path and transmitting a CRC associated with such data for storage in a storage medium through a second path separate from the disk drive;

retrieving the data stored on the disk drive;

determining a CRC associated with the retrieved data; and

comparing the determined CRC with the CRC stored in the storage medium.

6. The method recited in claim 5 wherein the storage medium is a second disk drive;

7. The method recited in claim 6 wherein the second disk drive is a parity disk drive for storing a parity of the data transmitted by the source to the disk drive.

8. A method for storing a plurality of blocks of data on a corresponding one of a plurality of disk and checking the validity of plurality of blocks of data read from such disk drives, comprising:

transmitting the blocks of data from a source thereof for storage in the disk drives through a plurality of different transmission paths and transmitting CRCs associated with each one of the blocks of data for storage in a storage medium through a path separate the plurality of different transmission paths;

retrieving the blocks of data stored in the disk drives;

determining CRCs associated with the blocks of retrieved data; and

comparing the determined CRCs with the CRCs stored on the storage medium.

9. The method recited in claim 8 wherein the storage medium is a second disk drive.

10. The method recited in claim 9 wherein the second disk drive is a parity disk drive for storing a parity of the data transmitted by the source to the disk drive.